

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A shape conforming surface covering useful for covering any type of surfaces, characterized in that the surface covering comprises planar planks ~~(1, 2)~~ or sheet of a flexible material adapted to be interconnected aside of each other thereby forming an assembled surface covering of optional length and width, and which planar planks ~~(1, 2)~~ are of a material that can be laid in curved formations, and which at the upper surface of the covering is roughened, ~~for instance sanded or filed~~ so as to imitate any unique grain effect of wooden material.

2. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the roughening of the upper surface of the ~~plank~~ planks ~~(1, 2)~~ is made by sanding, ~~especially using the curved or roller part of a sanding belt,~~ or a rotary wire brush, thereby imitating the grain effect of a wooden material.

3. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the upper surface of the planks ~~(1, 2)~~ or sheet is sanded in the longitudinal direction of the surface covering material such as to roughen the surface to become non slippery and to imitate the appearance of a wooden material.

4. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the sanding is made as discrete sanding portions extending at an oblique angle to the longitudinal direction of the ~~plank~~ planks ~~(1, 2)~~ or the sheet.

5. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the planks or sheet are made of a plastic or resin material, ~~like PVC,~~ having required additives including UV protection, fire retardance substances, natural or synthetic fibres.

6. (Previously presented) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the planks or sheet are formed with streaks or lines of colour included in the extrusion to further imitate the grain in wood.

7. (Previously presented) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the surface covering is formed for use as a floor surface, a wall surface, a boat or yacht deck, floor boards in boats and yachts, bath and shower room floors and walls coverings, swimming pool surroundings, curved floor planks inside and outside buildings, and ~~claddings and coverings of many other types of surface recipients.~~

8. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the ~~surface covering is made up by plank strips~~ planks have (1, 2) ~~having a colour and lustre imitating the grain effect of a wooden material like teak, mahogany, pine, oregon pine, or redwood, etc., which planks and~~ are formed with matching male and female means at opposite longitudinal edges for interconnecting same.

9. (Currently amended) A shape conforming surface covering useful for covering any type of surfaces, characterized in that the surface covering comprises planks or sheet of a flexible material adapted to be interconnected aside of each other thereby forming an assembled surface covering of optional length and width, and which planks are of a material that can be laid in curved formations, and which at the upper surface of the covering is roughened so as to imitate any unique grain effect of wooden material, further A ~~surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the surface covering comprises several planks (1, 2) and intermediate caulking strips between the planks (3), whereby the planks (1, 2) are of a colour and lustre imitating the colour and grain structure of a wooden material, and the caulking strips are of a different colour, preferably a dark colour.~~

10. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim

9, characterized in that the caulking strips ~~(3)~~ are formed with a male ~~connection~~ connection part and the mating edge of the adjacent plank or sheet with a female connection part, or vice versa.

11. (Currently amended) A shape conforming surface covering useful for covering any type of surfaces, characterized in that the surface covering comprises planks or sheet of a flexible material adapted to be interconnected aside of each other thereby forming an assembled surface covering of optional length and width, and which planks are of a material that can be laid in curved formations, and which at the upper surface of the covering is roughened so as to imitate any unique grain effect of wooden material, further A ~~surface covering according to claim 1,~~ characterized in that the covering is extruded in sheet form having co-extruded caulking strips.

12. (Currently amended) A shape conforming surface covering useful for covering any type of surfaces, characterized in that the surface covering comprises planar planks or sheet of a flexible material adapted to be interconnected aside of each other thereby forming an assembled surface covering of optional length and width, and which planar planks are of a material that can be laid in curved formations, and which at the upper surface of the covering is roughened so as to imitate any unique grain effect of wooden

material, further ~~A surface covering according to claim 1,~~
characterized in that the covering is extruded in sheet form having
recesses for later inserting of caulking strips in said recesses.

13. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim
~~± 11~~, characterized in that the covering is a co-extrusion of
planks ~~(1, 2)~~ and integral caulking strips ~~(3)~~.

14. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim
~~± 9~~, characterized in that the planks ~~(1, 2)~~ and the caulking
strips are formed with mating interconnection means, preferably a
male connection means ~~(4)~~ along one longitudinal edge and a female
connection means ~~(5)~~ along the opposite longitudinal edge.

15. (Currently amended) A shape conforming surface covering
useful for covering any type of surfaces, characterized in that the
surface covering comprises planks or sheet of a flexible material
adapted to be interconnected aside of each other thereby forming an
assembled surface covering of optional length and width, and which
planks are of a material that can be laid in curved formations, and
which at the upper surface of the covering is roughened so as to
imitate any unique grain effect of wooden material, further ~~A~~
~~surface covering according to claim 1,~~ characterized in that the
planks ~~(1, 6)~~ or sheet are formed with longitudinal slots ~~(6)~~ at

the underside thereof for facilitating forming of curved coverings and for acting as a base for a glue or adhesive material by means of which the surface covering is mounted on a surface recipient ~~(7)~~.

16. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the planks ~~(1, 2)~~ or sheet are partly filled with a rigid material.

17. (Currently amended) A surface covering according to claim 1, characterized in that the planks ~~(1, 2)~~ or sheet are partly filled, from the underside thereof, with a light weight material ~~like a foam material~~.

18. (New) A shape conforming surface covering comprising interconnected, flexible, first and second planks having a first width and a caulking strip having a second width less than said first width formed between said first and second planks.

19. The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said first plank and said second plank are curved.

20. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 19 wherein said first and second planks are planar.

21. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said caulking strip is connected to at least one of said first and second planks.

22. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said caulking strip connects said first plank to said second plank.

23. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said first plank is formed from PVC.

24. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said first plank has a wood grain texture.

25. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said first plank has a roughened surface.

26. (New) The shape conforming surface of claim 18 wherein said first plank, said second plank, and said caulking strip are co-extruded.